



The Eisenhower Expressway INTERSTATE 290 RESURFACING PROJECT



Starting Spring 2010, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will begin to resurface approximately 27 miles of Interstate 290 (Eisenhower Expressway). The project limits are in Cook and DuPage Counties extending from:

- Thorndale Avenue to Interstate 90/94 (Circle Interchange)
- Interstate 355 from Army Trail Road to Interstate 290

The goal of the resurfacing project is to restore a smooth, safe ride for the motoring public.

Please note, major impacts to the motoring public are anticipated. IDOT urges the motoring public to consider alternate route planning, car pooling, flexible work schedules, and public transportation to avoid anticipated travel delays.

IDOT appreciates your patience and understanding as we work to improve Interstate 290 for the residents of Illinois.

Project Overview

The general scope of work is to mill and resurface along Interstate 290. In addition to entrance and exit ramp resurfacing, work will be done on bridge structures. Bridge work will include bridge deck and approach pavement patching, barrier wall repair and joint repair. (For complete list of bridges, please check the Interstate 290 website at www.dot.il.gov/I290/index.html and click on the Bridge Section.)

Interstate 290 generally consists of three to four-lanes in each direction with variable width shoulders. Construction will take place in both directions simultaneously inbound and outbound and will utilize permanent lane closures and temporary nighttime lane closures.

For details about each individual contract, please visit the dedicated project website www.dot.il.gov/I290/index.html and click on the Project Overview section.



Work Zone

The work zones are located within Cook and DuPage Counties, the work zone spans a total of 27 miles in two segments along Interstate 290 from:

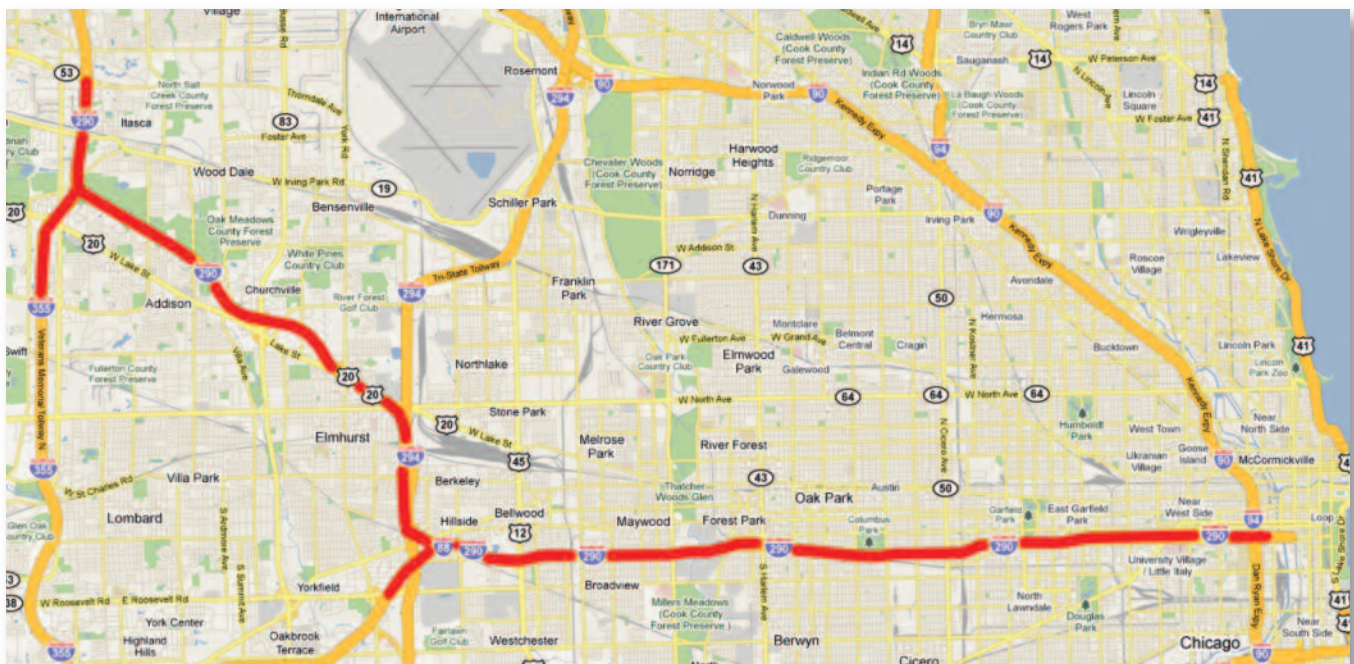
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- Interstate 355 from Army Trail Road to Interstate 290

In The Zone

- Typically, when workers are present the speed limit is 45 mph, unless otherwise marked.
- When workers are not present, you are still required to follow the posted workzone speed limit.
- **Slow down** - Reduced speeds are applied when normal conditions do not exist for the motorist (narrow lanes, changing conditions, edge drop offs). Posted speed limits throughout work zones are not a suggestion-they are the law! There is a Zero Tolerance policy against violations in work zones and fines have increased.
- **Follow the signs** - Arrow boards and flaggers are not there to make your life more difficult, they are there to help guide you safely through the work zone.
- **Don't follow too close** - One of the most common crashes in a work zone is a rear-end collision. Drivers should make sure they can safely stop their vehicle if traffic backs up.
- **Be patient** - Most of the time work zones require lane closures. Remain alert in case you need to slow down or stop due to traffic or construction work.
- **Turn on your headlights** - Workers and other motorists driving through the work zone need to see your vehicle. Large truck operators should use emergency flashers to warn trailing motorists that they are slowing down.

Timeline

- Weather permitting, the work will be completed in one construction season beginning early Spring 2010 and anticipated to be completed in Fall 2010.



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Project Information and Project Updates

For more information and updates, visit the Interstate 290 Resurfacing Project website at

www.dot.il.gov/I290/index.html

Or call **847.705.4696**

Sign up NOW and be in Constant Contact about the project!

A website has been created and will be maintained throughout the project. The website is an important segment of the public involvement strategy and is an avenue through which local residents, businesses, commuters and visitors to the region can remain informed. Most importantly, it offers the public an opportunity to stay in constant contact and receive press releases, construction alerts, lane and ramp closure information, and project publications by simply filling out the comment form and supplying an email address.

The Illinois Department of Transportation looks forward to your continued input and support.

